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Amendment dated November 17, 2004
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REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-11 and 13-28 were pending in this application before submission of this paper. Claims 1, 10, 11, 15, 18, 21, and 22 have been amended. Claims 7, 8, 16, 17 and 26 have been cancelled. No new matter has been added. Claims 1, 3-6, 9-11, 13-15, 18-25, 27 and 28 are now pending in this application. In view of the amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims are respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 3-21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,857,212 issued to *Van De Vanter*, in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,627,948 issued to *Fukunaga*. Claims 22, 27 and 28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Multi-Edit Text Editor Version 8.0 (hereinafter *Multi-Edit*). Claims 23-26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Multi-Edit* in view of WordPerfect for Windows version 6.1.

Claim 1, as amended, recites in part, "determining whether the collected context information matches a trigger associated with a rule in a database of rules, wherein the rule is associated with formatting steps for placing the insertion point in the electronic document; [and] performing formatting based on the formatting steps to place the insertion point in the electronic document at the location of the cursor."

Neither *Van De Vanter*, *Fukunaga*, nor any combination thereof teach the limitations recited in Applicants' Claim 1. *Van De Vanter* teaches changing cursor presentation. The size of the top and bottom parts of an I-beam shaped cursor are varied to reflect the size of the visual whitespace gap between tokens in which the cursor is positioned (col. 36, lines 65-67). *Fukunaga* teaches changing the format of a sentence display for each line of text in a document (Fig. 4).

Changing the size of a cursor and the format of a sentence display is different from the limitations recited in Applicants' Claim 1. Thus, neither *Van De Vanter*, *Fukunaga*, nor any combination thereof anticipates nor make obvious Applicants' Claim 1. Applicants therefore submit that Claim 1, as amended, is proposed to be allowable and notice to that effect is solicited.

Claims 9, 10, 14, 15, 18, 21 and 22, include substantially the same limitations discussed above in regard to independent Claim 1. As stated above, Claim 1 is proposed to be allowable.

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Therefore, independent Claims 9, 10, 14, 15, 18, 21 and 22 are proposed to be allowable for at least the same reasons as independent Claim 1, and notice to that effect is solicited.

Claims 3-6, 11, 13, 19, 20, 23-25, 27 and 28 are dependent on allowable base claims and are therefore allowable for at least the same reasons that claims 1, 10, 15 and 22 are allowable.


CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, pending Claims 1, 3-6, 9-11, 13-15, 18-25, 27 and 28 are believed to be allowable for at least the reasons stated above and the application is in condition for allowance. Therefore, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any further issues regarding this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney for Applicants at the telephone number provided below.

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